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EXAMINER'S ANSWER

This is in response to the appeal brief filed 29 September 2005 appealing from the Office action mailed 29 April 2005.

(1) Real Party in Interest

A statement identifying by name the real party in interest is contained in the brief.

(2) Related Appeals and Interferences

The examiner is not aware of any related appeals, interferences, or judicial proceedings which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

(3) Status of Claims

The statement of the status of claims contained in the brief is correct.

(4) Status of Amendments After Final

The appellant's statement of the status of amendments after final rejection contained in the brief is correct.

(5) Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

The summary of claimed subject matter contained in the brief is correct.

(6) Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal

The appellant's statement of the grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal is correct.

(7) Claims Appendix

The copy of the appealed claims contained in the Appendix to the brief is correct.

(8) Evidence Relied Upon

5,818,437	Grover et al.	10-1998
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(9) Grounds of Rejection

The following ground(s) of rejection are applicable to the appealed claims:

Claims 1-2, 4 and 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Grover et al. U.S. Patent 5,818,437.

Referring to claims 1 and 7, Grover et al. teach a device and software application comprising an ambiguous first data input system configured to associate a first user input with a plurality of potential data (the set of nine data keys representing a plurality of letters and symbols yielding a plurality of matches for the entered keystroke) (column 1, lines 46-55, column 3, lines 66-67, column 4, lines 34-40 and Figure 1), a second data input system independent from the first data input system receiving a second user input (receiving user input via moving the cursor or highlight bar between the list of potential data with the “select key”, which is a system level input key that is different from the set of data keys) (column 1, lines 55-58, column 4, lines 6-9 and 40-43), and a processing unit coupled to the first and second input systems for selecting one of the plurality of potential data from the second user input (the user selects one of the plurality of potential data using the “select” key 104 shown in Figure 1 and the processing unit of the portable computer subsequently inserts and displays the selected word in display area 101)

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(column 1, lines 55-58, column 4, lines 43-45 and Figure 2), wherein the first data input system comprises a real or virtual keyboard configured to associate a specific keystroke with a plurality of graphical characters (keypad with nine data keys, each associated with a plurality of letters and symbols) (column 1, lines 46-47, column 3, lines 66-67 and column 4, lines 34-37), and the second data input system is a speech recognition input system, a handwriting input system, or a stylus input system (the user can select the desired word from the word selection list using the keystroke input of the “select key” 104 on the touch-sensitive display; however, the keystroke input, i.e. the second data input system, can also be made with any pointing device such as a mouse or light pen) (column 1, lines 55-58, column 4, lines 43-45, column 9, lines 19-25 and Figure 1).

Referring to claim 2, Grover et al. teach a display coupled to the processing unit and configured to display the selected potential data (display 602 shown in Figure 2) (column 3, lines 58-63).

Referring to claim 4, Grover et al. teach the first data input system comprises a touch-sensitive screen (column 3, lines 58-63 and Figure 2).

Referring to claim 6, Grover et al. teach the processing unit further determines the selected data based on a dictionary database internally or remotely accessed (the processor processes the keystroke sequence with a dictionary) (column 1, lines 51-55).

(10) Response to Argument

The applicant argues that Grover does not teach a second data input system used in disambiguation that is a speech recognition input system, a handwriting input recognition system or a stylus input system. The examiner respectfully disagrees. Grover teaches a first data input system of a virtual keyboard, i.e. a virtual keypad with nine data keys, configured to associate a specific keystroke with a plurality of graphical characters, i.e. each of the nine data keys on the virtual keypad is associated with a plurality of letters and symbols, as recited in column 1, lines 46-47, column 3, lines 66-67 and column 4, lines 34-37; this is further shown in Figure 1. In addition, Grover further teaches a separate second data input system, i.e. system level keys (such as the “Select” key 104 shown in Figure 1) used to move the cursor or highlight bar between the list of potential data yielded from the first data input system, as recited in column 3, line 66 – column 4, lines 9; Grover also explicitly teaches that the list of potential data can be selected with input devices such as a light pen, which is a stylus input system, as recited in column 9, lines 18-25. In other words, Grover teaches the list of possible options, or potential data shown in the selection list menu window 107 obtained from the user’s ambiguous input using a first data input system of the virtual keypad can be disambiguated via selection with an input device such as a light pen of the desired option using the second data input of the “Select” key 104. Since input of the selection of the second data input system, i.e. the “Select” key 104 can be made with “any pointing device such as a mouse or light pen” (column 9, lines 22-23), and a pen is a stylus, the second data input system, i.e. the “Select” key 104 is a stylus input system.

(11) Related Proceeding(s) Appendix

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No decision rendered by a court or the Board is identified by the examiner in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of this examiner's answer.

For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

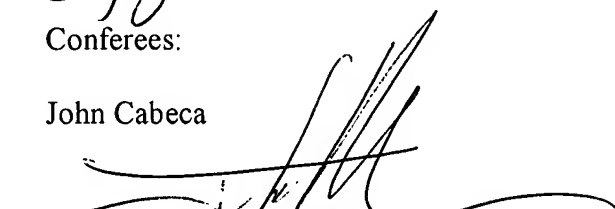
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